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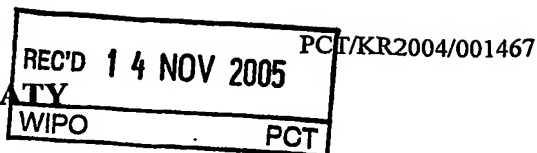
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY



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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)



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Box No. 1 Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- ☒ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☒ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☐ the description:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the drawings:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
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3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 23	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1 - 23	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 23	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents have been considered for the purpose of this report:

D1: WO 01/96106 A

D2: JP 1999-000556 A

The present invention relates to a porous hybrid and a method of preparing the porous hybrid having chemical linkage of zeolite and chitosan comprising the following steps: (a) preparing an intermediate consisting of a first linking compound and zeolite by applying a first linking compound on the surface of zeolite; and (b) preparing a hybrid of chitosan, a linking compound, and zeolite by reacting said intermediate consisting of a first linking compound and zeolite with chitosan or with an intermediate consisting of a second linking compound and chitosan.

D1 which is the most relevant document to the present invention relates to a composite applying zeolite molecular sieve on a substrate by using a linking compound and a method of preparing the same. D1 discloses a method of linking zeolite on a substrate having hydroxyl group or a metal substrate. However D1 does not disclose a method of linking zeolite with chitosan as disclosed in the present invention.

D2 relates to a method of preparing composite particles of chitosan and zeolite having adsorbing characteristics of lead ion complex including a step of manufacturing chitosan particles containing fine zeolite particles by dispersing zeolite particles in an aqueous acidic solution of chitosan and neutralizing the resultant. However D2 does not disclose a method of chemically linking zeolite with chitosan by using a linking compound.

I. Novelty and Inventive Step

As disclosed in the Written Opinion of ISR, none of the cited prior art documents including D1 and D2 teaches or suggests the porous hybrid and method of preparing the porous hybrid having chemical linkage of zeolite and chitosan of the present invention. Thus the subject matter of the present invention is novel and is not considered to be easily invented by a person skilled in the art.

II. Industrial Applicability

There is no reason for forming a negative opinion about the industrial applicability of this invention. Consequently, claims 1 - 23 appear to meet the requirement of PCT Article 33(4).

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

1. In claims 1-4, the expressions "linking compound-zeolite" and "linking compound-chitosan" are inappropriate, since the above linking compounds are called identically though they are different in characteristics. Thus the matter for which protection is sought is not clearly defined.
2. Chemical formulas 4, 5 in claim 19 and chemical formulas 3-5 in claim 20 are not appropriate for representing a linking compound of zeolite with chitosan.